

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, In 2010, an estimated 43,140 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States, 36,800 will die from the disease—approximately 100 of those being South Dakotans; and,

*Whereas*, Pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, and is the fourth-leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and,

*Whereas*, When symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is usually too late for an optimistic prognosis, and 75 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis, while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first 5 years; and,

*Whereas*, Incidence of pancreatic cancer is approximately 50 percent higher in African Americans than in other ethnic groups; and,

*Whereas*, There is no cure for pancreatic cancer, and there have been no significant improvements in survival rates in the last 40 years; and,

*Whereas*, The federal government invests significantly less money in pancreatic cancer research than it does in any other leading cancer killer; and pancreatic cancer research constitutes only 2 percent of the National Cancer Institute's federal research funding, a figure which is low given the severity of the disease, its mortality rate, and how little is known about how to arrest it; and,

*Whereas*, The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the first and only national patient advocacy organization that serves the pancreatic cancer community in South Dakota and nationwide by focusing its efforts on public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education, related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer:

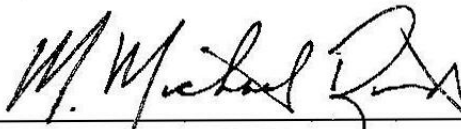
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2010 as

## *PANCREATIC CANCER AWARENESS MONTH*

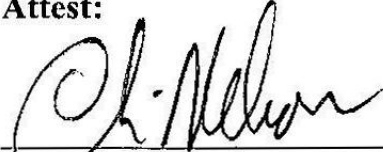
in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State